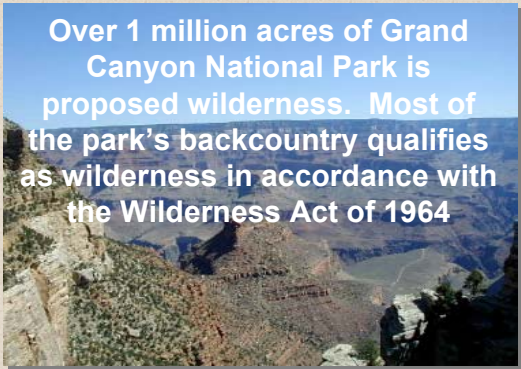




Colorado River Management Plan Wilderness Proposal

Over 1 million acres of Grand Canyon National Park is proposed wilderness. Most of the park's backcountry qualifies as wilderness in accordance with the Wilderness Act of 1964



The Colorado River - through the Grand Canyon - is proposed "potential" wilderness. Proposed potential wilderness areas include those places that do not qualify for immediate designation as wilderness due to temporary, non-conforming, or incompatible uses.



The designation process requires that a wilderness recommendation be forwarded to the Department of the Interior to be proposed by the President, and acted upon by Congress.

In 1980 (updated in 1993) Grand Canyon National Park submitted the final wilderness proposal to the Director of the National Park Service. The proposal has not yet been forwarded to the Department of the Interior for formal action.



Until such a designation has been granted, the National Park Service will take no action that would diminish wilderness suitability. The NPS is required to manage potential wilderness "to the extent that non-conforming uses allow".

